



# WIS 96 Fox River Bridge and Approaches Corridor Study

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### Mission statement:

*To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*

## Public meeting scheduled

- Wednesday, December 12, 2007
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wrightstown Elementary School cafeteria
- 351 High Street, Wrightstown
- Short presentation at 5:30 p.m.

## Study focus — find a location for the Wrightstown Bridge

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) plans to replace the Wrightstown Bridge. In preparation, WisDOT has launched a study to determine just where that bridge should be located. The department will be determining and evaluating a range of river crossing alternatives, including the present location. The goal of the study is to recommend a preferred crossing location that meets the existing and future needs for the village of Wrightstown and surrounding communities. The location must also minimize overall social and environmental impacts.

The two-year study will be completed with a recommendation in mid-2009. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in the 2012-2013 time frame.

The current bridge was constructed in 1934. It has performed well for more than 70 years and is reaching the end of its service life. While the existing bridge is structurally sound, there are a number of issues that need to be addressed. WisDOT determined that it will be more cost-effective to replace the existing bridge, rather than attempt to rehabilitate it.

## More information inside

- Study outline
- Study schedule
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## What the study includes

Key activities to be completed during the study include the following:

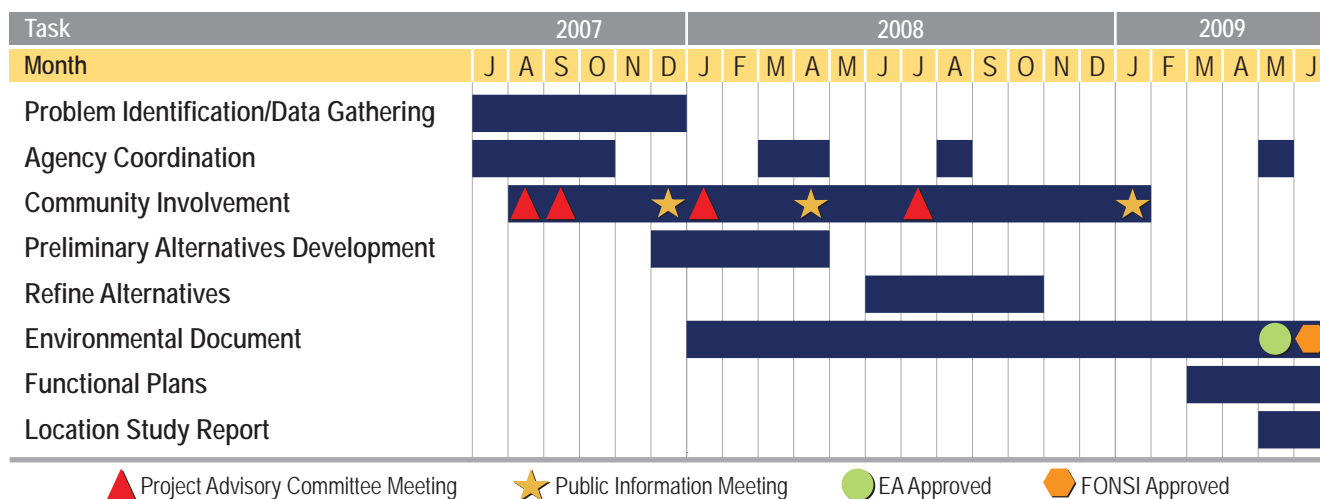
- Problem Identification/Data Gathering – conduct land use inventory, review local land use plans, inventory existing transportation facilities and utilities.
- Alternatives – develop/screen/refine alternatives, select a recommended alternative.
- Engineering – evaluate existing conditions, conduct a crash and safety analysis, evaluate traffic operations, develop typical roadway sections, develop bridge layout drawings.
- Environmental Studies – determine locations for threatened and endangered species, archaeological and historic properties, wetlands, and hazardous materials.
- Environmental Document - document the need for a new bridge and the process used to identify possible bridge locations, evaluate the socio-economic and environmental costs and benefits of a reasonable range of alternatives and describe how the project team coordinated with the public and regulatory agencies.
- Agency Coordination – obtain input from local, state and federal review agencies.
- Community Involvement – coordinate with local officials, hold public information meetings, conduct interest group meetings and meet with a project advisory committee (PAC).

## What's next?

After the first public information meeting, the study team will conduct the following activities:

- Review the input received at the first public information meeting.
- Develop the preliminary alternatives.
- Begin work on the environmental document.
- Continue coordination with state and federal review agencies.
- Conduct the second public meeting in Spring 2008 to display the preliminary alternatives.

## Project schedule (subject to change)



## PAC members represent you

The project advisory committee (PAC) is a group of local individuals that will meet with the project team at critical milestones during the study. The PAC was assembled to represent local interests to provide study information to local residents and to convey local input to the study team. A listing of PAC members and the groups they represent is below. Please contact these PAC representatives if you would like to discuss specific issues related to this study.

- Jeff Agee-Aguayo, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
- John Alferi, Town of Kaukauna
- John Berens, Wrightstown Citizen Representative
- Carla Buboltz, Wrightstown School District Representative
- Daniel Guild, Wrightstown Village Administrator
- David Johnson, Outagamie County Planning Department
- Gary Kaster, Wrightstown Area Business Alliance
- Brian Lamers, Brown County Highway Department
- Frank Lamers, Wrightstown Citizen Representative
- Andy Lundt, Wrightstown Village Trustee
- Mark McAndrews, Town of Buchanan
- David Michalkiewicz, Wrightstown Industrial Park Representative
- Tom Perock, Town of Lawrence
- Walt Raith, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Cole Runge, Brown County Planning Commission
- Aaron Schuette, Brown County Planning Commission
- Daniel Stephany, Wrightstown Department of Public Works Superintendent
- Carl Theunis, Wrightstown Agricultural Representative
- Larry Ullmer, County Rescue Representative
- Bonnie Van De Hey, Wrightstown Downtown Business Representative
- Vicky Van Vonderen, Town of Rockland
- William Verbeten, Town of Wrightstown

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### Please join us on December 12

WisDOT invites the public to attend the first public information meeting for the WIS 96 Fox River Bridge and Approaches Corridor Study on Wednesday December 12, 2007. This meeting will be conducted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wrightstown Elementary School cafeteria, 351 High Street, Wrightstown. A short presentation will be given at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in an open house format and interested persons may stop in and visit with the project team, learn more about the study, review displays and share ideas and concerns. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to receive information about the study, contact one of the project team members (See page 1 for contact information).